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In re Application of: Joseph P. Errico, Michael W. Dudasik, and Rafail Zubok

Application No.: 10/642,527

Filed: August 15, 2003

For: AXIALLY COMPRESSIBLE ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC HAVING A CAPTURED BALL AND SOCKET JOINT WITH A SOLID BALL AND COMPRESSION LOCKING POST

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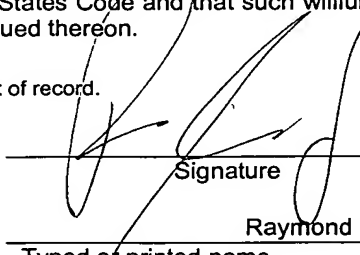
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